



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Great Outdoors Month

WHEREAS, Great Outdoors Month is an opportunity to celebrate and experience America's splendor and renew our commitment to conserve our air, water and land; and

WHEREAS, the enjoyment of Rhode Island's outdoors – the state's ocean, beaches and rocky shores, its forested preserves, streams, rivers, lakes and ponds and urban parks and playfields – is a cherished tradition for Rhode Islanders; and

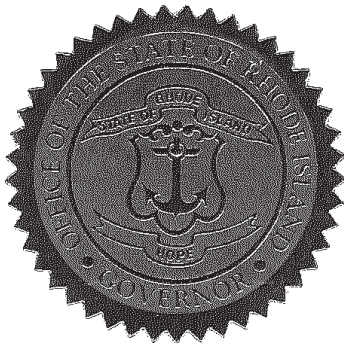
WHEREAS, Rhode Island's natural resources are of strategic importance to our state's tourism industry, which attracts millions of visitors each year who contribute billions of dollars annually to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Rhode Island play an important role in protecting our natural resources by volunteering in and supporting local environmental education programs, parks and forests, nature conservancies, watershed organizations and land trusts; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is fundamental to the health and well-being of our citizens; and

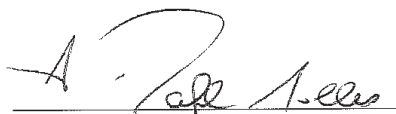
WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and numerous partners are launching the Rhode Island Great Outdoors Pursuit in an effort to reconnect children and their families with the great outdoors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim June, 2011 to be Great Outdoors Month in Rhode Island, and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognition of the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 5th day of May, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State